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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the following documents are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned application.

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| US | US 5 591 482 | HE FEI-FENG ET AL | 01-07-97 |
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The above-identified documents were cited in an International Search Report dated August 20, 1999 received in connection with PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IB99/00618, filed April 8, 1999, corresponding to the above-identified application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

European Patent No. EP 0 761 710, was characterized by the Examiner in the Search Report for PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IB99/00618 as a X document of particular relevance such that the Examiner did not consider the invention claimed in claims 1 and 2 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IB99/00618 to be novel or to involve an invention step when the document is taken alone.

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Copies of the above-identified documents are enclosed at this time.

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to the undersigned.

The above-identified documents are also listed on the attached List of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) for the convenience of the Examiner's consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and officially make these documents of record in the above-identified application. In so doing, the Examiner is requested to initial the space adjacent the listing of each of these references on the List Of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) and to return a copy of the initialed List Of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) with the next official communication mailed in connection with the above-identified application.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please call the attorney of record identified in this application as the one to whom all communications are to be directed, or the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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